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- (1) JP 09 084254
- (2) JP 09 285015
- (3) JP 2000 023371
- (4) EP 0 679 898
- (5) EP 0 878 850

The concise explanations of relevance for documents (1) to (3) are provided in the form of English-language abstracts attached hereto.

The foregoing documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. European Patent 0 884 817, as listed on the European Search Report, was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement dated July 10, 2002 and is not being cited herein for that reason. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated August 31, 2005, is enclosed.

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